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REQUEST FOR ORAL HEARING

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Appellants hereby request an oral hearing in connection with the aboveidentified application.

Appellants hereby authorizes the Commissioner for Patents to charge the required filing fee of \$290.00 under 37 CFR 1.17(g) to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Attorney Docket No. 225/48391).

It would be appreciated if the undersigned were telephoned in the event there are any questions related to this response or the application in general. If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #225/48391).

Respectfully submitted,

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